

November 28th, 2005

Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee (RICC)
Meeting minutes

10 people in attendance

We did introductions, Kristen Votava, new director for the deaf/blind project was present and will become a member.

Renee Wilson has resigned as the facilitator of the RICC, we do have another parent that is considering taking this role, and because of poor weather conditions she was unable to attend. Darci assisted with facilitating today.

Discussed our Experienced Parent proposal. Carol Brakel discussed the overview of responsibilities, to be a guide for parents of eligible children enrolled in Early Intervention services. The Experienced Parent needs to be a parent of a child under 12 years of age who is, or has been enrolled in Early Intervention Services. This individual will have access to furniture and equipment as needed. There will be a bidder's meeting to give more information to the parents who are interested in this position.

Discussed the December Child Count and what will be expected. Discussed Infant Development's present caseload and the merge that will allow the program to expand on their FTE's to continue to provide quality services to families.

Discussed the Parent Institute Survey. Through these discussions we found that there were other parents who might be interested in joining the RICC. Heidi Johnson is a new parent from Nelson County who was going to try and attend a meeting; due to poor weather today she was unable to attend. We would like to focus on rural areas. We discussed the January institute as promoting advocacy, leadership as well as policy managing issues.

Marilyn Arenson discussed the Holiday Party for families involved in Early Intervention services.

Darcy discussed the Downs Syndrome support group that she has been coordinating. November was the last get together and it was a good turnout-she appreciates Infant Development staff assisting with getting the brochures out. Dena mentioned that she would like to get the information on when this group is getting together.

Discussed the Natural Environment Conference Call Series- and invited the RICC members to attend- Carol Johnson discussed the state trying to set up an in-service that involves Robin McWilliams speaking possibly in April.

We discussed the Family Connections Conference June 7th, 8th and 9th of 2006- this will be held in Bismarck- we want to make sure our parents get the information on this conference.

Barb Kramer gave a Healthy Family Update- this week they are going prenatal, most of their referrals at this time will be coming from County Social Services. They are coordinating with other agencies also. They are more limited now as they are serving Grand Forks and Nelson counties, limiting the age to 0-3 years of age instead of following children to the age of five years old.

Dena Larson discussed the Transition Guidelines- the second draft has been reviewed. The final draft will be completed sometime in February, this will be guidelines for both parents and professionals.

Discussed next meeting date for March 27th at 11:00.

Suggested Agenda; Dena to review Transition guidelines, Review State Improvement Plan, Experienced Parent update, Discussion on the Spirit Lake meeting, and Family Connections conference. More information on the merge regarding Infant Development, Quality Improvement Plan

Discussed meeting dates for 2006;

February 27th,

May 22nd

August 28th

November 27th

We will plan on meeting 11:00-1:00

We appreciate everyone's attendance especially when the roads were so poor today!

Submitted by;

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